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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Accreditation of non-governmental organizations and other major groups to the World Summit on Sustainable Development

Note by the Secretary-General

Addendum

The secretariat of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, with support from other relevant departments, has also reviewed the relevance of the work of the Tibet Justice Center, on the basis of its background and involvement in sustainable development issues, in particular the follow-up process to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development. The evaluation has shown, based on the information provided, that the activities of the applicant are relevant to the work of the Summit. The secretariat also wishes to inform the Commission acting as the preparatory committee that it has come upon information on politically motivated activities of the applicant concerning Tibet that are not directly related to sustainable development issues, which the committee may wish to take into account when deciding on its accreditation. Activities in this area, which are listed in the Center's web site, include advocacy, activism and support for various causes related to the political status of Tibet.

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Established: 1990

Primary Major Group Affiliation: Non-governmental organization

Summary of Organizational Focus and Activities: Promotes human rights, environmental protection and peaceful resolution of the situation in Tibet through legal actions, policy analyses and education programmes. Three specific programmes are relevant to the Summit. Its Environment Programme focuses on protection of Tibet's environment from unsustainable natural resource use activities, supports local participation in projects and programmes that impact natural resource use, facilitates links between Tibetan environmental advocates and international/regional environment and development organizations, and creates opportunities for consensus-building on environmental issues among Tibetan and Chinese actors. The Women's and Children's Rights Programme monitors the access of these two groups to health, education and employment and reports on these areas to relevant United Nations organizations. The Corporate Action Project monitors the social and environmental impact of corporate investments in the Tibetan Plateau. Works with a number of international and regional partners. Has submitted reports to the Commission on Human Rights and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and is a member of the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources — World Conservation Union (IUCN).
